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**Subject:** FW: ATSDR Letter concerning recent Butte meconium study  
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**From:** Elgethun, Kai (ATSDR/DCHI/WB) <irz6@cdc.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2019 11:53 AM  
**To:** [ksullivan@bsb.mt.gov](mailto:ksullivan@bsb.mt.gov); Williamson, Laura (CDC mt.gov)  
**Subject:** ATSDR Letter concerning recent Butte meconium study

Hello Karen and Laura,  
please find attached a letter from ATSDR that details our initial review of the recent McDermott et al. meconium study. ATSDR is concerned about the authors' conclusion of a "potential public health emergency" and ATSDR does not agree with this conclusion. The intention of our letter is to provide you, as local health officials, with talking points you can use to inform the Butte community and reduce anxiety that may have been caused by this study. Please feel free to share the contents of this letter widely, and let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Kai Elgethun PhD MPH

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